



All the fun of the Khandallah Village Fair

JANUARY

Thurs. 28th BBQ at Khandallah Bowling Club, including Scholarships presentations. Details attached.

At Wellington Bridge Club

Thursday 4th February
Helen Davidson
Engineering a better
New Zealand

DUTIES

Greeter	Graeme Waters
Host Speaker	David Bennett
Attendance	Roy Ferguson
Reflection	Maurice Scott
Happy Dollars	Kerry Ansell
Thank Speaker	Tony Fryer
Parting Thought	Terry Pinfold

Apologies and Guests to Maurice Scott
mjpscott@gmail.com by 10am Wednesday

ALSO COMING UP

Thursday 18th February
David King
Travelling the Scotia Sea

DUTIES

Greeter	Colin Lawton
Host Speaker	Laurie Bond
Attendance	Alan Fraser
Reflection	Peter Shanahan
Happy Dollars	David Bennett
Thank Speaker	Pat Helm
Parting Thought	Brian Poole

NEXT GUEST SPEAKER

4th February - Helen Davidson, General Manager, Engineering New Zealand



Helen joined Engineering New Zealand in February 2016 and is responsible for leading the legal and public affairs work, including complaints resolution, governance, communications, policy and thought leadership, as well as the people function. She has over fifteen years' experience in law, complaints management and policy.

Prior to Engineering New Zealand, Helen worked mainly in the health sector, including as Principal Legal Advisor at the Health and Disability Commission and as Director of Patient Safety at the Ministry of Health Services in British Columbia. In 2017 Helen was honoured to be awarded the In-house Lawyers' Association of New Zealand's Private Sector In-house Lawyer of the Year and Innovation award for the redesign of the complaints resolution process.

SPECIAL PERSONAL REQUEST

Laury Sinclair has contacted President David to request that, due to current medical issues, he is not in a position to receive visitors. He asked Club members to await further notice before proposing to visit. Our best wishes go to Laury.

RECENTLY

LUNCHEON MEETING 17th DECEMBER

Having been rostered for the reflection, **Morris Robertson**, who was having his daily date with a radiology machine, prepared a script in advance, which was read by Lionel Nunns. In it Morris referred to the Revitalisation Plan, which was in danger of being filed away until subsequent events, such as the incorporation of Kaukau, the Mosque contact, KCA support, ZOOM meetings and the inspiration of RI President Holger Knaack gave it new meaning. He finished with the observation that. "Nowadays lunch only clubs are in decline. Successful Rotary clubs are no longer about meeting, greeting and eating, but are measured by what they do, and be seen to do, in their wider community. That is the challenge facing us today, one which can be achieved by raising our profile and increasing our membership through our actions and flexibility.

The suspended **Club AGM** was resumed with President Elect Stephen Spence nominating Zaheda Davies as President Nominee. This was seconded by Lionel Nunns and received with acclamation. Zaheda's two children, twins Nisha and Isaac, together with several partners, were present to enjoy the Christmas meeting.

Adrienne Murray, District Grants Convener, spoke about "Give Every Child a Future" and thanked the Club for its donation of \$500 while also referring to the huge task remaining.

President David announced that the proposed club raffle did not attract sufficient support and

would not proceed. Anyone who increased their monthly contribution for the raffle was reminded that they should now reduce it to what it was before. Our thanks are due to David King for the work he did in designing a system which could operate with maximum efficiency. Those who agreed to participate are thanked and those who earlier indicated that it was a good idea are asked to put their thinking caps on and suggest alternatives for boosting funds.

GUEST SPEAKER



President David and PDG's John Prendergast [Speaker] and Tony Fryer

The Speaker was Wellington Catholic Archdiocese's General Manager, John Prendergast. He came from Invercargill, where he had been Chief Executive of the Community Trust of Southland and, latterly, Chief Executive of Southland Presbyterian Support. He is a well-known Rotarian, having served as 9980 District Governor, and many other District and International roles.



John said he was not going to give us a Christmas message and he would speak about the present state of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hill Street which has been shut for two years

because of earthquake damage and perceived risk of greater damage in another earthquake.

It was designed by the same consultants as the Catholic Cathedral in Christchurch where the roof gave way and it is feared that the same could happen in Wellington.

Plans to repair damage and to install base isolation had been prepared and it would take three years to implement if funding was available. He thought applying for government help would not be successful but apply they did and at a meeting with local MP, Grant Robertson, he pointed at a photo of Michael Joseph Savage on the wall and mentioned that his funeral service was held in the cathedral.

A week later the shovel ready projects were being touted and they got \$8.5 M. Total cost will be \$16 M. If they cannot raise enough they will not do the base isolation.

He then took us on an amusing excursion about Christmas, its likely date and the origins of its customs especially in the English-speaking world.

After that he gave the Club an actual Christmas message – “Keep it simple - Be kind - Celebrate Christmas because it is the beginning of the light and after 2020 we need light more than ever.”

IN OUR COMMUNITY

PRESIDENT’S NEW YEAR MESSAGE



We were all delighted that David Bennett was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in the New Year’s Honours. It is good that people who have made a valued contribution to society are appropriately recognised. Dave’s honour is fitting recognition of a lifetime of service.

Dave is shortly off to Invercargill on a six-month assignment with the Salvation Army and for this period he will be on “leave of absence” from the club. Dave hopes to be able to attend a meeting of the club before he heads south, but in case this doesn’t eventuate, we wish Dave and Judith well for their time away.

The election of Zaheda Davies (Zai) as our President Nominee for the 2022/23 year is a milestone for the club and portends well for our future. Zai joined last year from the former Kaukau Rotary Club where she was a foundation member. Since joining WNRC, Zai has been a regular attendee at our lunchtime and evening meetings and made a significant contribution to the organisation of the Khandallah Fair She has also brought welcome diversity to our club.

A Rotary year seems no different to all other years – they all go so quickly. At the halfway mark, significant progress has already been made in implementing a number of our strategic objectives for the year. The Khandallah Fair was a resounding success, we have continued to develop our relationship with Kiwi Community

Assistance and discussions are continuing with the Kilbirnie Mosque.

Our twice-monthly meetings have been well attended with speakers of a consistently high standard. Notwithstanding the need for some fine tuning, a good start has been made with monthly evening meetings. A number of members attended the annual pantomime at the Circa Theatre. This was a very enjoyable outing which raised nearly \$600 for the new Children’s Hospital.

We will kick off the new year with another enjoyable outing, bowls and BBQ, at Khandallah on 28 January. This will be a good chance to meet some of our 2021 scholarship holders. It’s also a good time to start thinking about what other community projects we might support this year. With our fair proceeds and other funding, we now have over \$14,000 to disburse. Your suggestions on this are welcome.

Happy bowling and barbecuing

Yours in Rotary

David Young

KHANDALLAH VILLAGE FAIR



At the December 17 meeting, **Lionel Nunns** said that the Fair was successful in its aims of - giving a good experience to the local community, getting new members and older members working together, and raising money estimated result being \$6 - \$7,000.



He thanked all those who helped and signalled out **Kesh Gilmour** who had put in many hours in the months leading up to the fair and was largely responsible for the number of stall owners and their treatment which many of them rated as the best of any fair they had taken part in.

DAVID BENNETT MNZM

Congratulations to David on his much-deserved award in the New Year Honours List.



For eight years he was head of Salvation Army Emergency Services in New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga, providing support during crises

like Cyclone Winston in Fiji, the Tsunami in Samoa and the Christchurch earthquakes, as well as projects further afield, such as helping with disaster relief in Nepal.

He was part of an international team helping to drill wells and build latrines in two of Uganda's camps populated by refugees from South Sudan. He worked in two of the 'smaller' camps, each with a population of over 35,000. Bidi Bidi, also in Uganda, is the world's largest refugee camp with 285,000 inhabitants.

David joined Rotary in Glenfield in the early 1980's and continued his membership as he was transferred around the country. He was President of Wellington North in 2017/18

Born in Morrinsville and educated at Waitoa Primary and Morrinsville College, David is married to Judith and they have three adult sons and seven grandchildren. He is now retired after 52 years of unbroken service as Salvation Army Officer. He enjoys brass bands and still plays.

In responding to a message of congratulations from the President, David said that he was flabbergasted at the nomination, which still seemed unreal. *"Many others have been involved in the things I've been able to do and I express appreciation for their support and encouragement."*

READING IN SCHOOLS



Jackson, reading with Ann Georgiades

Covid-19 made this a very disrupted year for our Rotary reading in schools programme. Our partner schools have proved very understanding and we ended the year on a happy note. We now have a longstanding relationship with Arakura and Wainuiomata Intermediate schools in the Wainuiomata Valley, and with Ngaio school.



Khloe with her Rotary atlas & Kody with the lighthouse he built



At Arakura School last December, the final reading day in the library was a chance for the school to show its appreciation over morning tea. Our volunteers are just a few of the many people who help out in different ways at the school.

It was also a chance for our reading team to present a Rotary Atlas to each of the pupils they have been working with.

Some are on their way to Wainuiomata Intermediate, and we wish them well there.
Graeme Waters

KIWI COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE WORKING BEE



On a mild and muggy December afternoon, nine willing volunteers from Wellington North descended on the KCA warehouse in

Grenada North for a job of preparing parcels of Christmas gifts to be available to KCA's client agencies. *Pic - Tracy demonstrates the system*

Three teams quickly formed and swung into action, assembling packs of gift items from the bulk donation made to KCA. It was hard to tell who were best at the job in hand, but it was noted Brett Hudson was whisked away by KCA manager Michele when she needed some heavy lifting done. He was trained in parliament so knows all about tackling the tough jobs.

Everyone applied themselves well and offered their particular gifts to the tasks. Jeremy Spanjaard, for whom English was his second language, showed his competency with the English alphabet and was really useful when two boxes of books had to be catalogued alphabetically. He helped Vivienne and Lionel get it right.



All came to a climax with the usual KCA coffee and cookies, as the photos testify to. It was great to have Barbara Gorman and Marjorie Lawson join us – thank you both. We may call on you again!

Thanks to Dawn, Alan, Peter, Barbara, Brett, Terry, Jeremy, Vivienne and Lionel, a simple but appreciated Rotary project, one with plenty of laughs and good company.

Lionel Nunns

AND FURTHER ON KCA GREETINGS FROM TRACY

Whilst we built a brand-new chiller and freezer room at our new warehouse in July 2020, we have already outgrown it.



New freezer components being unloaded

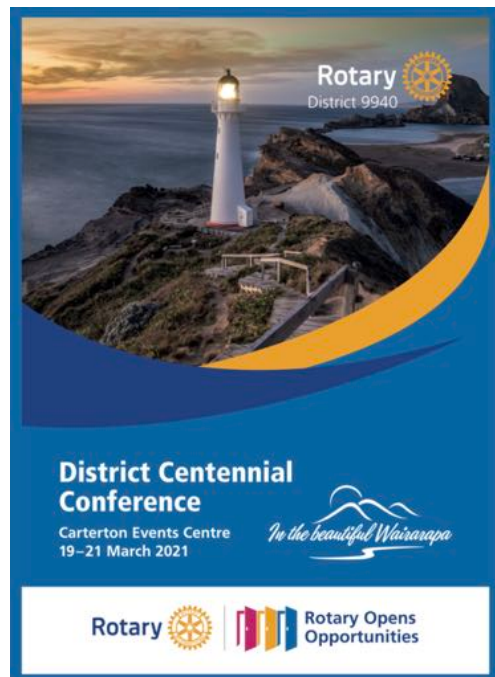
HUGE THANKS to Lottery Grants Board for agreeing to fund our chiller and freezer room expansion. This grant funding will allow us to double the current size of our chiller/freezer room to hold 16-18 pallets of food.

WN SCHOLARSHIPS 2021



Terry Pinfold and his hard-working team of assessors have ploughed their way through the year's scholarship applications, resulting in presentations to be made at the January 28th BBQ meeting at the Khandallah Bowling Club. We thank the team for their hard work. And look forward to meeting the recipients and their supporters.

MAKE IT A DATE 2021 DISTRICT CONFERENCE



The Rotary District 9940 Conference will be held early this year in the Wairarapa between the **19th and 21st of March** at the *Carterton Events Centre*.



Come prepared to be entertained, informed and challenged. Enjoy a Taste of the Wairarapa – food, beverages, sights.

There will be a range of activities around the Wairarapa throughout the weekend including *A Taste of the Wairarapa* on the Saturday afternoon and a *Swing Fling* on the Saturday Evening.

Help celebrate our centenary - come along and enjoy what this weekend has in store.

Registration covers the: fabulous venues; exciting speakers; Friday night welcome; tea/coffee breaks on Sat/Sun mornings; the Saturday night Dinner and Dancing with Steve Carlin singing songs from the Swing era and the fantastic local band *Good as Gold*, plus transport on Friday and Saturday nights between Masterton, Greytown and Carterton.

Early Bird Registration \$220 pp is open until 31 January 2021, Afterwards \$250

For full details, including accommodation options, go to –

www.rotary9940.org/page/district-conference-2021

GLOBAL NEWS – THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Through Rotary's new area of focus, protecting the environment, members will work to comprehensively solve specific problems that harm the environment. This will give us bigger opportunities to build on the service we're already doing to improve the environment in our communities. Members can apply for global grants in this area beginning next 1 July.

Despite the enormous challenges that the world faced in 2020, global contributions to The Rotary Foundation have held up well. July to December contributions were close to those in the first half of 2019/20. In addition, the Foundation received the US\$100 million 2-for-1 match from the Gates Foundation for polio eradication.

CALL FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023/24

The call will go out shortly for nominations for District Governor 2023/24. Clubs are asked to please put forward any nominations to DG Gillian Jones no later than 18 March.

COURTENAY PLACE ROTARY CLUB



With diminishing numbers making the club unviable, Courtenay Place has moved to hand in its Charter. That leaves Wellington South and Mt. Victoria clubs to serve that part of Wellington.

With diminishing numbers making the club unviable, Courtenay Place has moved to hand

THE 2021 CLUB LAUNCH



Family fun on 28 January

Roll up – Try your hand at bowls

Eat up – Barbeque

Learn up – Youth Scholarships presentations

Reminder details on the attached flyer

PARTING THOUGHT

From December 17th - Not received

NEXT BULLETIN

Copy closes Tuesday 9th February

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